

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3062**

Introduced by

Representatives S. Kelsh, DeKrey, Glassheim, Wrangham

Senators Horne, Oehlke

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North  
2 Dakota, relating to the length of legislative sessions.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure extends from 80 days to 100 days the maximum number of days the legislative  
5 assembly may meet in regular session during a biennium.

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
7 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of  
9 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at  
10 the general election to be held in 2010, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota  
13 is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 7.** The terms of members of the legislative assembly begin on the first day of  
15 December following their election.

16 The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of  
17 December following the election of the members ~~thereof~~ of the legislative assembly for  
18 organizational and orientation purposes as provided by law and following this organizational  
19 meeting shall ~~thereafter~~ recess until twelve noon on the first Tuesday after the third day in  
20 January or at such other time as may be prescribed by law but not later than the eleventh day  
21 of January.

22 ~~No~~ A regular session of the legislative assembly may not exceed ~~eighty one hundred~~  
23 natural days during the biennium. The organizational meeting of the legislative assembly may  
24 not be counted as part of those ~~eighty one hundred~~ natural days, nor may days spent in  
25 session at the call of the governor or while engaged in impeachment proceedings, be counted.

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly

1 Days spent in regular session need not be consecutive, and the legislative assembly may  
2 authorize its committees to meet at any time during the biennium. As used in this section, a  
3 "natural day" means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours.

4 Neither house may recess nor adjourn for more than three days without consent of the  
5 other house.